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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES - MARCH QUARTER, 1966

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes, involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1966.

Table 1 shows a summary of disputes for Australia since 1952, Table 2 the details of disputes in industry groups for each State and Australia and Table 3 a summary of disputes in each State in recent years.

Statistics of Causes, Duration and Methods of Settlement for the year ended 31st December, 1965 are also shown in Tables 4 to 6.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 50, 1962 and 1963.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost		Estimated loss in Wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total	Number	Average per Worker Involved	
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	2.30	6,880
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	2.12	6,675
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	2.44	6,042
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	2.27	6,621
1956	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	2.62	7,934
1957	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	630,213	1.87	4,617
1958	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	1.56	3,181
1959	869	229,469	8,002	237,471	365,039	1.54	2,754
1960	1,145	592,053	11,226	603,279	725,107	1.20	5,854
1961	815	288,526	11,831	300,357	606,811	2.02	r5,448
1962	1,183	330,823	23,030	353,853	508,755	1.44	4,244
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	r4,992
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	r1,346	r460,234	14,810	r475,044	r815,869	1.72	8,198
1964 - March Qtr.	313	127,364	3,257	130,621	154,319	1.18	1,296
June "	331	152,272	5,110	157,382	195,901	1.25	1,741
Sept. "	401	161,333	3,995	165,328	179,613	1.09	1,709
Dec. "	289	87,848	4,449	92,297	381,525	4.13	3,815
1965 - March Qtr.	311	119,590	3,638	123,228	260,096	2.11	2,857
June "	293	109,002	3,045	112,047	142,925	1.28	1,408
Sept. "	461	175,582	5,550	181,132	r288,602	1.59	2,735
Dec. "	r281	r56,060	2,577	r58,637	r124,246	2.12	r1,198
1966 - March Qtr.	311	136,810	2,205	139,015	221,141	1.59	2,205

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

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TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1966 (b)

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	45	..	3	..	1	..	49
Other Mining and Quarrying	3	..	..	..	..	1	4
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	69	8	4	4	1	..	86
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Food, Drink and Tobacco	17	5	13	..	1	4	40
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	3	..	..	1	..	..	4
Other Manufacturing	17	2	..	1	..	..	20
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	109	15	17	6	2	4	153
Building and Construction	36	7	17	3	..	1	65
Railway and Tramway Services	2	2	..	..	..	..	4
Road and Air Transport	6	2	1	1	1	..	11
Shipping	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stevedoring	8	6	1	..	1	..	16
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Other Industries (d)	1	2	..	..	..	..	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	216	34	39	10	5	6	311

WORKERS INVOLVED (e)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	6,538	1,051	682	..	34	..	8,305
Other Mining and Quarrying	5,650	..	850	..	..	28	6,528
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	10,279	6,787	15,848	428	80	..	33,422
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	190	..	..	..	..	..	190
Food, Drink and Tobacco	2,561	8,124	5,177	..	54	72	15,988
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	1,945	..	..	48	..	..	1,993
Other Manufacturing	2,585	10,520	..	710	..	..	13,815
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	17,560	25,431	21,025	1,186	134	72	65,408
Building and Construction	3,033	13,549	12,969	496	..	70	30,135
Railway and Tramway Services	68	13,854	3,176	..	..	..	17,098
Road and Air Transport	482	73	1,313	14	25	..	1,907
Shipping	143	1,005	..	..	..	..	1,148
Stevedoring	337	384	1,320	..	65	..	2,106
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	44	..	..	..	..	..	44
Other Industries (d)	28	6,308	..	..	..	..	6,336
<u>TOTAL</u>	33,883	61,655	41,335	1,696	258	170	139,015

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) An industrial dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the statistics of "Number of Disputes". In such a case it is included in the industry group which had the largest number of workers involved. Figures of "Workers Involved", "Working Days Lost" and "Estimated Loss in Wages" are allocated to their respective industry groups.

(c) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

For footnotes (d), (e) and (f) see page 3.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1966 (b) - continued

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
<u>WORKING DAYS LOST</u>							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	7,075	2,102	460	..	38	..	9,675
Other Mining and Quarrying	9,509	..	350	..	..	84	9,943
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	22,339	14,161	7,821	558	40	..	44,919
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	421	..	..	..	..	..	421
Food, Drink and Tobacco	6,673	7,761	5,160	..	52	161	19,807
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	2,700	..	..	24	..	..	2,724
Other Manufacturing	6,605	20,311	..	5,630	..	..	32,546
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	38,738	42,233	12,981	6,212	92	161	100,417
Building and Construction	8,101	26,841	12,496	331	..	280	48,085
Railway and Tramway Services	148	39,456	1,426	..	..	..	41,030
Road and Air Transport	1,202	47	693	14	25	..	1,981
Shipping	155	1,090	..	..	..	..	1,245
Stevedoring	210	325	496	..	180	..	1,211
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	71	..	..	..	..	..	71
Other Industries (d)	14	7,469	..	..	..	..	7,483
<u>TOTAL</u>	65,223	119,563	28,902	6,557	335	525	221,141

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000) (f)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	67.1	20.4	5.0	..	0.4	..	92.9
Other Mining and Quarrying	158.9	..	4.2	..	..	1.2	164.3
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	220.0	130.2	73.8	5.6	0.4	..	429.9
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	4.1	..	..	..	..	..	4.1
Food, Drink and Tobacco	59.2	63.1	48.3	..	0.6	1.8	172.9
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	29.8	..	..	0.2	..	..	30.1
Other Manufacturing	70.3	197.4	..	50.6	..	..	318.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	383.4	390.7	122.1	56.4	0.9	1.8	955.4
Building and Construction	84.1	252.0	131.6	3.3	..	3.0	474.4
Railway and Tramway Services	1.6	390.5	12.6	..	..	..	404.7
Road and Air Transport	13.0	0.5	6.6	0.2	0.3	..	20.5
Shipping	1.4	10.7	..	..	..	..	12.1
Stevedoring	2.2	3.4	5.0	..	1.9	..	12.5
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	0.7	..	..	..	..	..	0.7
Other Industries (d)	0.1	67.6	..	..	..	..	67.8
<u>TOTAL</u>	712.6	1,135.8	287.1	59.9	3.5	6.1	2,205.3

For Footnotes (a), (b) and (c) see page 2.

(d) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services.

(e) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(f) For "Estimated Loss in Wages" any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
<u>NUMBER OF DISPUTES</u>							
1961	529	91	123	26	22	14	815
1962	752	166	175	31	28	18	1,188
1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1965	832	r 208	186	48	33	17	r1,346
1965 - March Qtr.	182	50	40	17	11	6	311
June "	169	54	42	13	6	4	293
Sept. "	293	70	68	8	9	3	461
Dec. "	188	r 34	36	10	7	4	r 281
1966 - March Qtr.	216	34	39	10	5	6	311
<u>WORKERS INVOLVED (c)</u>							
1961	136,956	52,747	78,240	17,333	9,687	4,661	300,357
1962	208,967	73,245	41,766	11,848	8,363	5,126	353,853
1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1965	251,056	r121,798	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	r475,044
1965 - March Qtr.	63,918	22,930	16,217	12,669	4,686	2,649	123,228
June "	45,299	45,701	11,072	5,349	3,202	1,066	112,047
Sept. "	105,083	44,593	21,497	4,584	2,502	1,151	181,132
Dec. "	36,756	r 8,574	4,783	5,864	2,221	265	r 58,637
1966 - March Qtr.	33,883	61,655	41,335	1,696	258	170	139,015
<u>WORKING DAYS LOST</u>							
1961	318,629	72,471	168,958	17,256	23,233	4,622	606,811
1962	303,400	100,606	75,951	14,599	6,300	3,993	508,755
1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1965	367,942	r214,300	r189,941	26,379	10,020	3,894	r815,869
1965 - March Qtr.	83,137	30,833	128,571	11,655	3,270	2,270	260,096
June "	54,554	53,679	27,260	4,228	2,437	440	142,925
Sept. "	172,551	81,704	r25,091	3,620	3,063	1,049	r288,602
Dec. "	57,700	r48,084	9,019	6,876	1,250	135	r124,246
1966 - March Qtr.	65,223	119,563	28,902	6,557	335	525	221,141

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

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TABLE 4. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1965

Cause of Dispute (b)	Coal Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
Wages, Hours and Leave	5	46	375	426
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	115	201	419	735
Trade Unionism	31	7	63	101
Other	57	17	10	84
<u>Total</u>	208	271	867	1,346
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)				
Wages, Hours and Leave	628	90,952	176,525	268,105
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	17,140	56,979	68,992	143,111
Trade Unionism	5,012	2,314	10,396	17,722
Other	12,418	31,612	2,076	46,106
<u>Total</u>	35,198	181,857	257,989	475,044
WORKING DAYS LOST				
Wages, Hours and Leave	740	83,167	444,815	528,722
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	28,825	56,364	150,353	235,542
Trade Unionism	6,236	1,067	11,570	18,873
Other	15,192	14,922	2,618	32,732
<u>Total</u>	50,993	155,520	609,356	815,869

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TABLE 5. - DURATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1965

Duration (Working Days)	Coal Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
1 day and less	132	159	395	686
2 days and more than 1 day	45	69	176	290
3 days and more than 2 days	19	29	107	155
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	9	10	83	102
5 days and less than 10 days	3	4	78	85
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	24	24
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	2	2
40 days and over	..	..	2	2
<u>Total</u>	208	271	867	1,346
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)				
1 day and less	19,078	133,319	134,153	286,550
2 days and more than 1 day	11,172	40,723	58,984	110,879
3 days and more than 2 days	3,017	3,390	27,307	33,714
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	1,390	747	16,349	18,486
5 days and less than 10 days	541	3,678	12,880	17,099
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	6,249	6,249
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	28	28
40 days and over	..	..	2,039	2,039
<u>Total</u>	35,198	181,857	257,989	475,044
WORKING DAYS LOST				
1 day and less	13,940	66,697	97,115	177,752
2 days and more than 1 day	20,408	56,333	98,547	175,288
3 days and more than 2 days	8,385	8,213	64,215	80,813
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	5,471	2,816	61,603	69,890
5 days and less than 10 days	2,789	21,461	86,360	110,610
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	68,532	68,532
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	635	635
40 days and over	..	..	132,349	132,349
<u>Total</u>	50,993	155,520	609,356	815,869

For footnotes see Table 6 next page.

TABLE 6. - METHODS OF SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1965

Method of Settlement (b)	Coal Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
By private negotiation	29	..	199	228
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	3	..	137	140
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State Legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	104	104
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	13	..	..	13
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	1	..	1
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	169	1	170
By resumption without negotiation	163	101	425	689
Total (d)	208	271	866	1,345

WORKERS INVOLVED (c)

By private negotiation	3,411	..	27,491	30,902
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	287	..	22,717	23,004
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	21,769	21,769
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	1,626	..	..	1,626
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	110	..	110
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	76,816	212	77,028
By resumption without negotiation	29,874	104,931	185,610	320,415
Total (d)	35,198	181,857	257,799	474,854

WORKING DAYS LOST

By private negotiation	6,504	..	54,686	61,190
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	586	..	70,805	71,391
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	94,236	94,236
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	4,117	..	..	4,117
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	46	..	46
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	90,202	418	90,620
By resumption without negotiation	39,786	65,272	387,535	492,593
Total (d)	50,993	155,520	607,680	814,193

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) For nature of classification see pages 190-191 of Labour Report No.50, 1962 and 1963.

(c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(d) Differences between the total figures of this table and the corresponding totals of other tables are due to disputes which were incomplete at the end of the year.

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